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The Honorable Peter J. Roskam Member, United States House of Representatives 150 S. Bloomingdale Rd Ste 200 Bloomingdale, IL 60108

Dear Mr. Roskam,

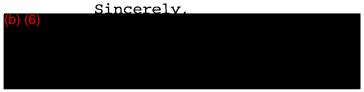
Thank you for your letter of October 2, 2007, on behalf of your constituent, Mr. (b) (6) concerning the transfer of fire protection services at Fort Sheridan and Naval Station Great Lakes transition of Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

On October 1, 2007, as part of the Public/Private Venture (PPV) agreement with Forest City LLC, the cities of Highland Park and Highwood started providing fire protection services to the Fort Sheridan Navy Family Housing area. This was a seamless transition of fire protection services to the municipal fire departments.

Highland Park and Highwood fire protection services are consistent with local community standards. The municipal fire departments are not required to comply with Department of Defense instructions. The fire department's plan provides a joint response of fire protection resources based on predetermined response assignments.

The Navy fire fighters, detailed to Fort Sheridan, were integrated in the Naval Station Great Lakes Fire Department and will contribute in the new EMS transport transition to the Fire Department. The Fire Chief is actively recruiting fire fighters in support of the EMS transport program. The EMS transport program will greatly enhance the fire protection and emergency medical services at Naval Station Great Lakes.

I am extremely proud of our Navy fire fighters and the world-class fire prevention and protection that they provide. If I may be of any further assistance, please let me know.



Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy Commander